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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111 for three (3) months. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.17 for the extension of time is \$465.00. Applicant qualifies for small entity status.

The fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension of time to Deposit Account 08-1480. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a Response to an Office Action.

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